

CHAPTER 3
SECTION 15.15

PEDIATRIC MICROSURGERY REPAIR FOR OBSTETRIC BRACHIAL PLEXUS PALSY

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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II. DESCRIPTION

Pediatric Microsurgery Repair is a procedure done to reconstruct or reattach a damaged brachial plexus consequence of a difficult delivery. Multiple procedures may be performed on a single plexus depending upon where the injury took place. Procedures include, but are not limited to: external neurolysis (neuroplasty), internal neurolysis (fascicles identified), nerve grafting, excision of neuroma, neuroma dissection, and removal and direct end-to-end nerve repair.

III. POLICY

Benefits may be allowed for medically necessary services and supplies for Pediatrics Microscopic Repair for Obstetric Brachial Plexus Palsy when the medical record demonstrates no signs of spontaneous recovery by 4 months of age.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- A. The clinical examination is the most important single determining factor for surgery.
- B. The presence of pseudomeningoceles on myelography does not prohibit coverage.

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